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SUBJECT:BASE COMMANDERS CONFERENCE, BAHAMAS AND TURKS  
AND CAICOS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS  
PROVIDED:

A. THE SEABEES ARE CURRENTLY DEPLOYED TO NAVFAC ELEUTHERA,  
AND ARE RESURFACING THE AIRFIELD RUNWAY, PARKING APRON  
AND TAXIWAY; ADDITIONALLY, THE SUPPLY PIER IS BEING  
REPAIRED. THESE PROJECTS WERE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE  
1975 QUID FIGURE, AND MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED NOW TO ENSURE  
THE SAFETY OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT. THESE TWO PROJECTS  
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ARE INCLUDED IN THE CINCLANTFLT NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCES  
FY 77 EMPLOYMENT PLAN. ADDITIONAL ESSENTIAL PROJECTS  
SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE DURING CALANDAR YEAR 1978 ARE:  
BUILDING ROOF REPAIRS (APR-SEP 78), REPAIRS TO THE  
SEWER OUTFALL (JUN - AUG 78), CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER  
STORAGE TANK (SEP 78 - MAY 79), REPAIRS TO THE WATER  
CATCHMENT BASIN (SEP 78- MAY 79), AND RESURFACING OF SOME

STATION ROADS (SEP 78 - MAY 79). THE LAST REPAIR WORK ACCOMPLISHED AT ELEUTHERA BY THE SEABEES WAS IN 1971, AND

IF THESE PLANNED PROJECTS ARE DELAYED OR CANCELLED, A SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF PERSONNEL, FUNDING AND MATERIAL RESOURCES WILL OCCUR. THEREFORE, CURRENT INTENTIONS ARE TO COMPLETE THESE PROJECTS AS SCHEDULED. IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR AUTEC RANGE ARE MUCH LARGER IN SCOPE AND COST THAN THOSE AT ELEUTHERA. ONLY ESSENTIAL REPAIRS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AT AUTEC IN RECENT YEARS PENDING THE RESULTS OF THE MILITARY FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS. THE COST OF ALL THE ABOVE PROJECTS WERE PART OF THE 1975 QUID FIGURE, BUT A RECENT REVIEW OF PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS FOR FACILITIES IN THE BAHAMAS COMPENSATES FOR THE COST OF THESE PROJECTS BY INCREASING THE VALUE OF IMPROVEMENTS HAVING RESIDUAL VALUE TO THE GCOB FROM THE 1975 FIGURE OF 15 MILLION DOLLARS TO APPROXIMATELY 24 MILLION DOLLARS. IF YOU CONSIDER IT ADVISABLE, YOU MAY EXPLAIN TO GCOB THE NEED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL REPAIRS TO AVOID RISK OF PERSONNEL INJURY OR MATERIAL DAMAGE. THE IMPLICATION THAT ACCOMPLISHING THESE PROJECTS NOW INDICATES WE ARE WILLING TO STAY AT ANY PRICE CAN BE EASILY DISPELLED DURING OUR FORTHCOMING TALKS.

B. THE CLOSURE DATE OF THE COAST GUARD LORAN STATION DOES NOT AFFECT THE AMOUNT OF QUID OFFERED SINCE NO COMPENSATION  
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IS PAID FOR ANY COAST GUARD LORAN STATION ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD AND NO COAST GUARD QUID WAS INCLUDED IN THE 1975 OFFER. THE BENEFITS OF SAFE AIRCRAFT AND MARITIME NAVIGATION THROUGH BAHAMIAN AIRSPACE AND WATERS ARE CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS IN THEMSELVES.

C. MSC IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING THE BULK LOGISTICS SUPPORT FOR ALL THE MILITARY FACILITIES IT SUPPORTS IN THE CARIBBEAN. PENDING THE RESULTS OF THIS STUDY, NO PROCUREMENT OF LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE IS AUTHORIZED. LOCAL AVAILABILITY, PRICES, BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND AGRICULTURAL METHODS ARE BEING CONSIDERED IN THIS STUDY. WE WILL ADVISE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY AS SOON AS KNOWN. VANCE

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